

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 297

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mariann Duff on her selection as Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for the high school division.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mariann Duff is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duff has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for the high school division by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, who together represent over 370 years of teaching experience, Ms. Duff was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, at the gathering, Hawkins County Schools feted twenty teachers, selected as Teacher of the Year at their respective schools, with winners also selected and announced for three divisions: kindergarten through fourth-grade, fifth through eighth-grade, and high school; and

WHEREAS, each school within the system selected its own recipient, after which a committee from the Central Office staff evaluated the school winners, following standards established by the Tennessee Department of Education, in order to determine the three division Teachers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mariann Duff's teaching career began twenty-five years ago in California; since 2002, she has been teaching mathematics at Volunteer High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duff is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mariann Duff truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duff truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mariann Duff on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for the high school division of Hawkins County Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.